I WAS EVEN MORE DETERMINED TO FIND OUT.

ANOTHER REASON WAS
HIS STRANGE OBSESSION WITH "KARMA".

HEY KID!
COULD WE TALK SOMEWHERE IN PRIVATE?

WHY DOES HE KEEP AVOIDING ME?
HUH?

FRIDAY
FORBIDDEN TALES
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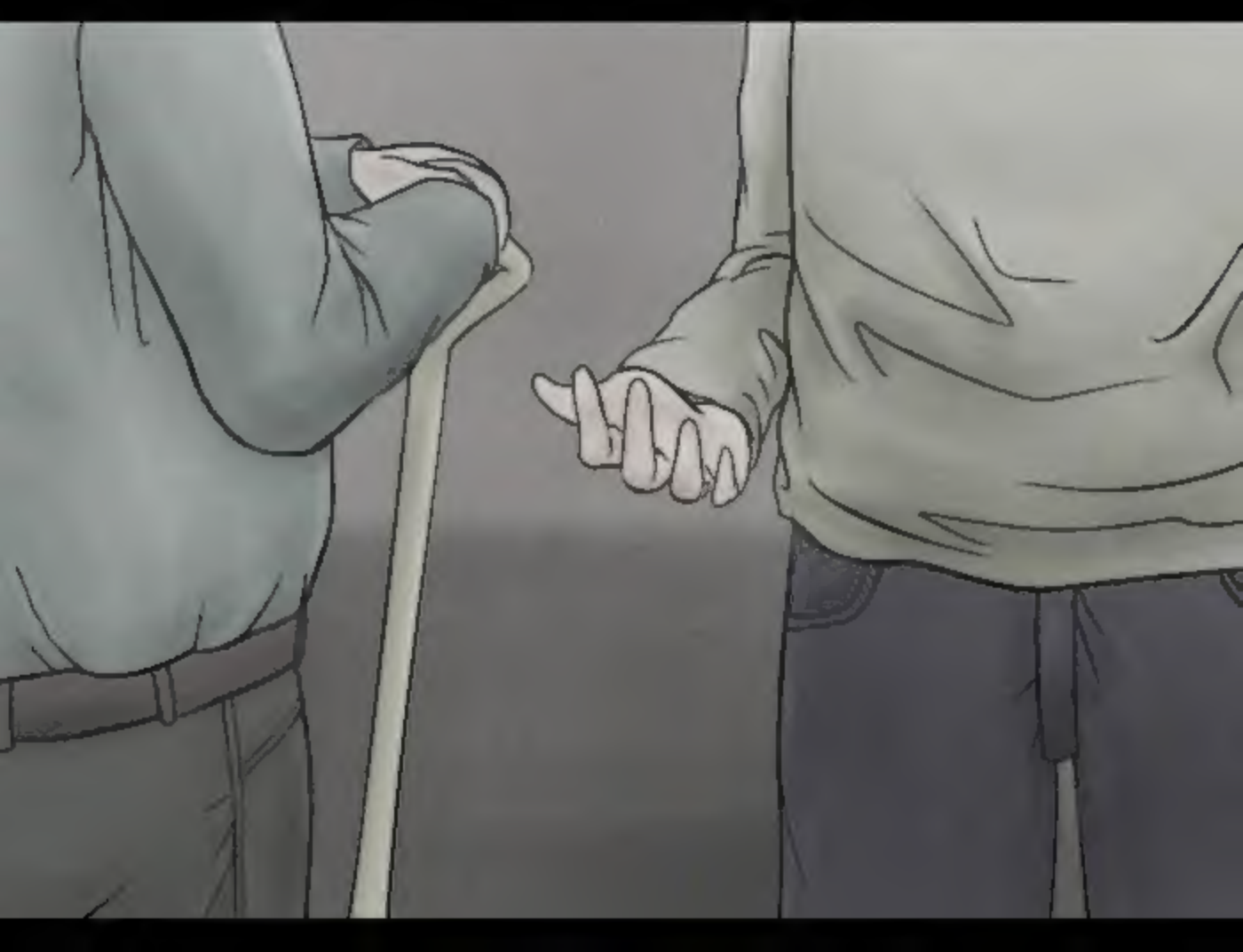
041. KARMA (3)

YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN WHAT I TOLD YOU BEFORE, HAVE YOU?
NO... I REMEMBER...

AFTER THAT DAY, INVESTIGATING MR. KIM BECAME MY PASTIME.



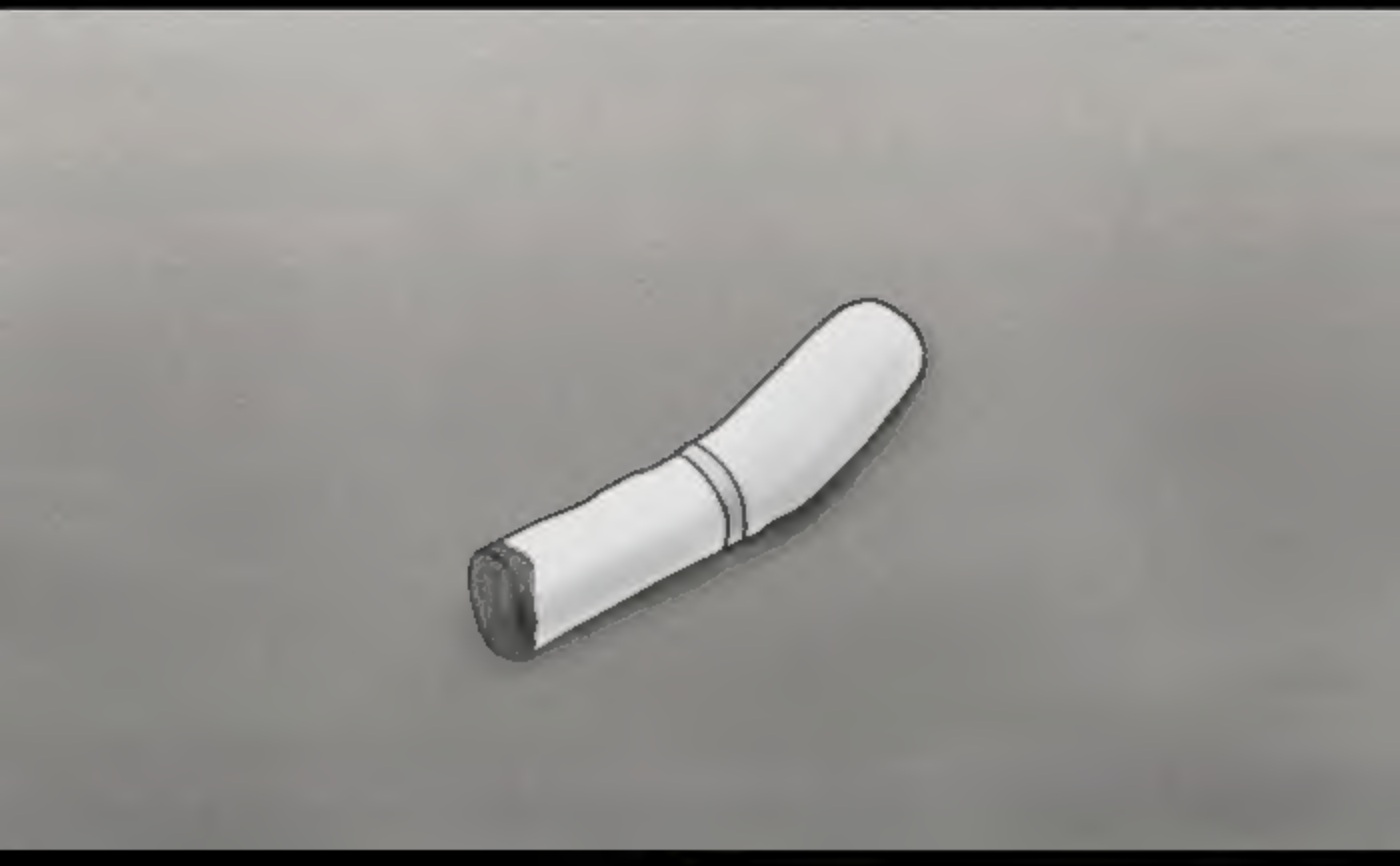
THE MORE I FOUND OUT ABOUT HIM,
THE MORE INCREDIBLE HE SEEMED.

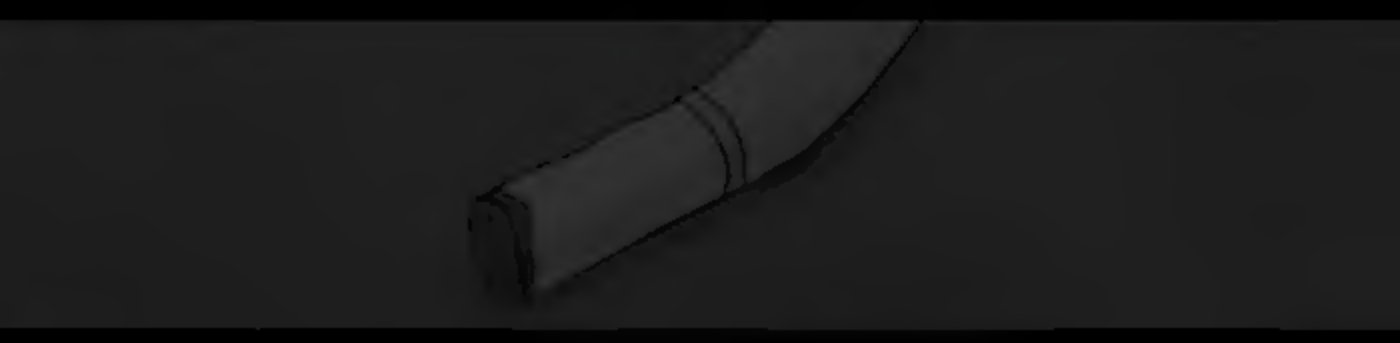
AND THE MORE I FOUND,

KARMA

THE MORE CURIOUS I BECAME TO

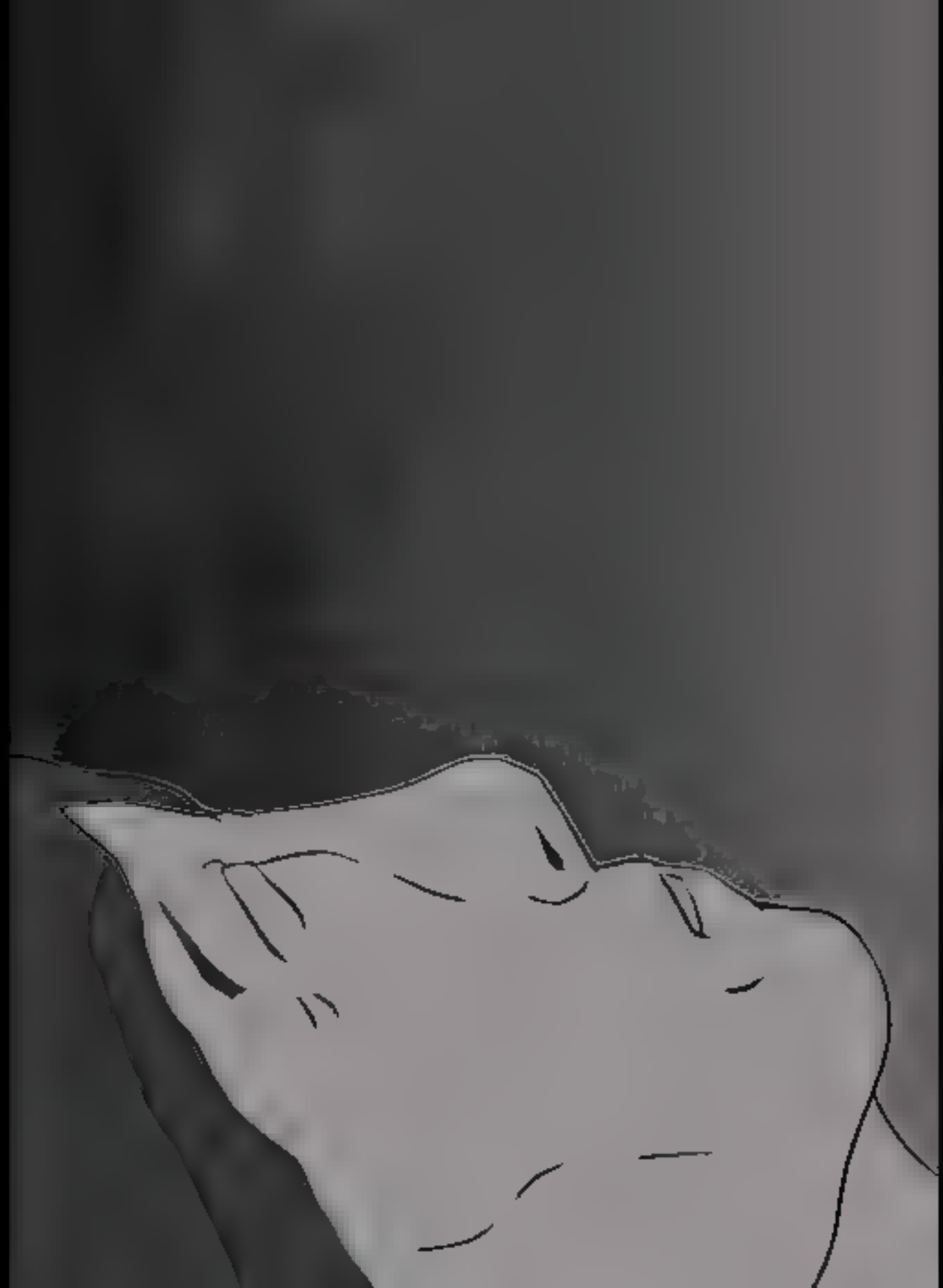
FIND OUT WHY ON EARTH HE WAS HERE.





BUT I HADN'T HARMED HIM IN ANY WAY,

AND I WASN'T INTENTIONALLY TORMENTING HIM.



I FELT SO RELIEVED. WHAT I FELT WAS BEYOND A SENSE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT- IT WAS TRIUMPH.

I NO LONGER NEEDED TO WONDER ABOUT MR. KIM.

HEY... KID..

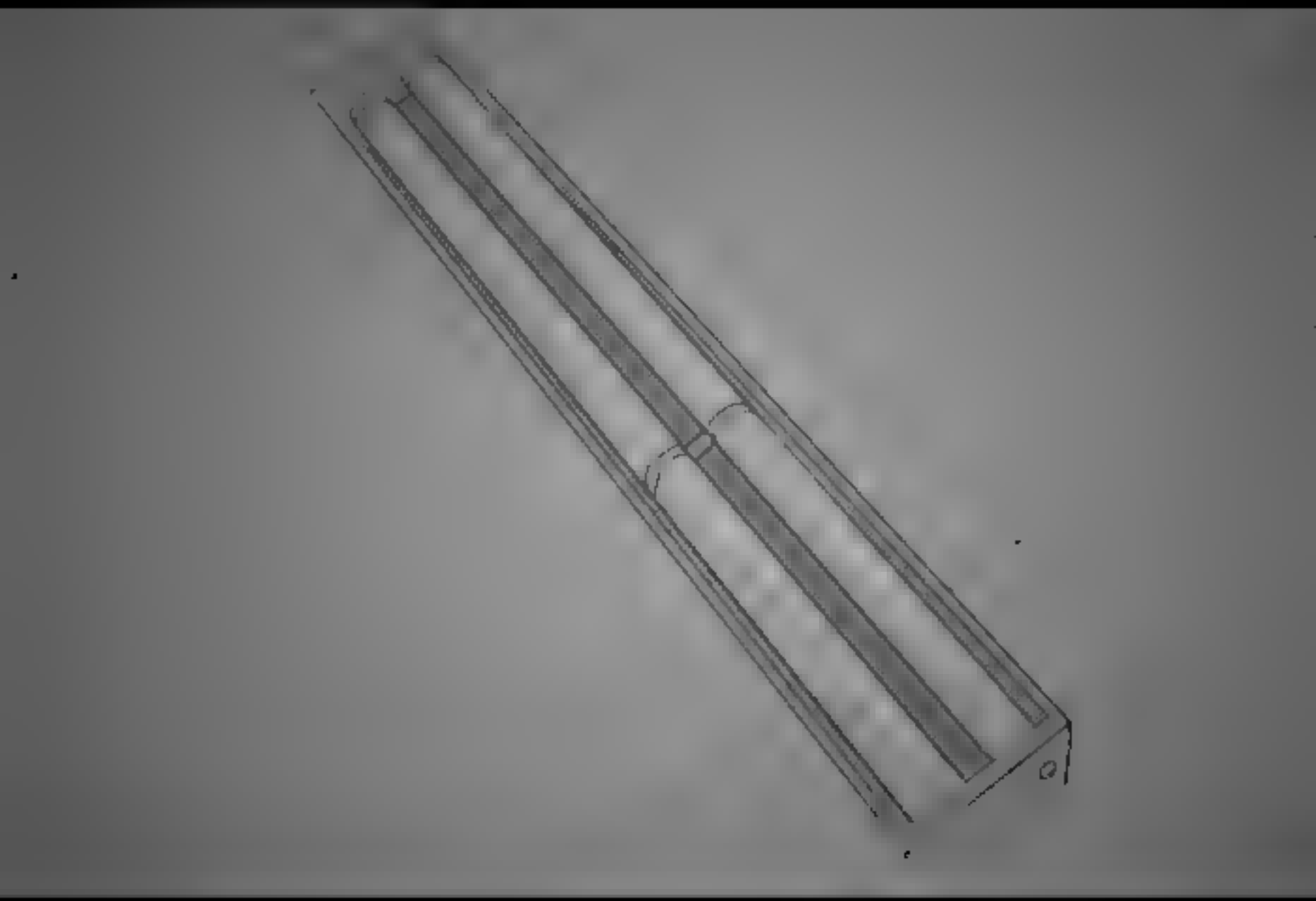
REALLY... TRUE?

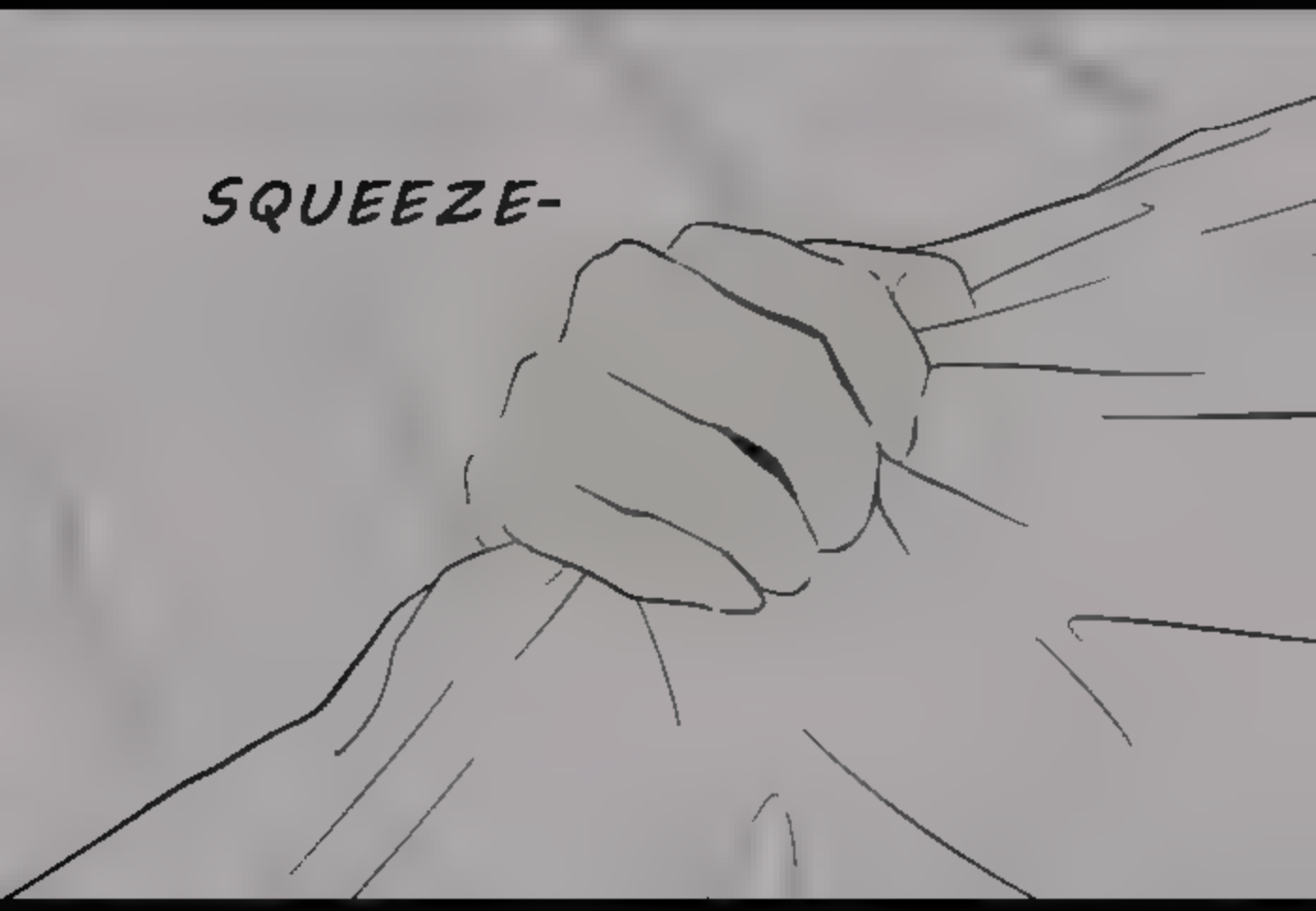
BUT PERHAPS THIS CURIOSITY,

THIS QUESTIONING, WENT A BIT TOO FAR.

MY HEART IS PUMPING. MY BLOOD IS RACING.

LET THE BELL OF TRUTH RING OUT!





I DESPERATELY NEEDED
SOMETHING TO RELIEVE THIS ANGER.

AND FORTUNATELY,

I KNEW WHAT I NEEDED TO DO.

IT MAY BE AN OBVIOUS FACT,
BUT THE GUYS WHO HAD WORKED WITH MR. KIM

FOR MUCH LONGER THAN ME ALREADY KNEW ALL
ABOUT HIS ECCENTRIC OBSESSION WITH GOOD DEEDS.

IN ADDITION TO CLEANING AND LAUNDRY,

HE ALWAYS LEAD THE TOUGHEST JOBS
AND TOOK CARE OF PEOPLE WHEN THEY GOT SICK,

OR EVEN VOLUNTEERED ON HIS DAYS OFF.

LET'S GO.
WE'VE GOTTA FINISH
SPREADING THE CONCRETE
BEFORE IT RAINS.
FLICK-

I'LL ASK YOU ONE MORE TIME, YOU'RE A SMART KID SO TRY TO UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M TRYING TO TELL YOU.
IT WAS UNFAIR..

THINGS TOOK A TURN IN A DIRECTION
WHICH I HAD NEVER ANTICIPATED.

OF COURSE IT WAS JUST A LIE. UNLIKE MR. KIM,

I'M NOT SO PURE AND INNOCENT.

NOW, FINALLY,

THE MOMENT OF TRUTH I HAD BEEN WAITING FOR.

THE EXPENDITURE OF
ONE-SIDED EMOTION ALWAYS LEADS TO

OBSESSING OR RAGE, WHETHER
IT'S LOVE, FRIENDSHIP OR RESPECT.

"LET'S SEE WHO WINS."
"YOU CAN'T TURN YOUR BACK ON ME."
"I'M GOING TO FIND OUT YOUR SECRET."

I WAS OVERWHELMED BY
OUTRAGE AND ANGER ALL NIGHT.

HOWEVER

FROM THIS MOMENT

AH... HI THERE...

YOU COULD LEARN A THING OR TWO FROM HIM.

KID...
IS WHAT
YOU JUST SAID...

HE COULDN'T ANSWER.
BUT HE ALSO COULDN'T AVOID THE QUESTION.

AS I EXPECTED, HE COULDN'T LIE TO ME.

AFTER I FOUND OUT THAT HE HAD GRADUATED FROM THE SAME SCHOOL AS ME,

MY CURIOSITY TOWARDS MR. KIM ONLY GREW GREATER AND GREATER.

OUR CONNECTION AS ALUMNI FROM THE SAME SCHOOL WAS ONE OF THE REASONS.

UMPH...

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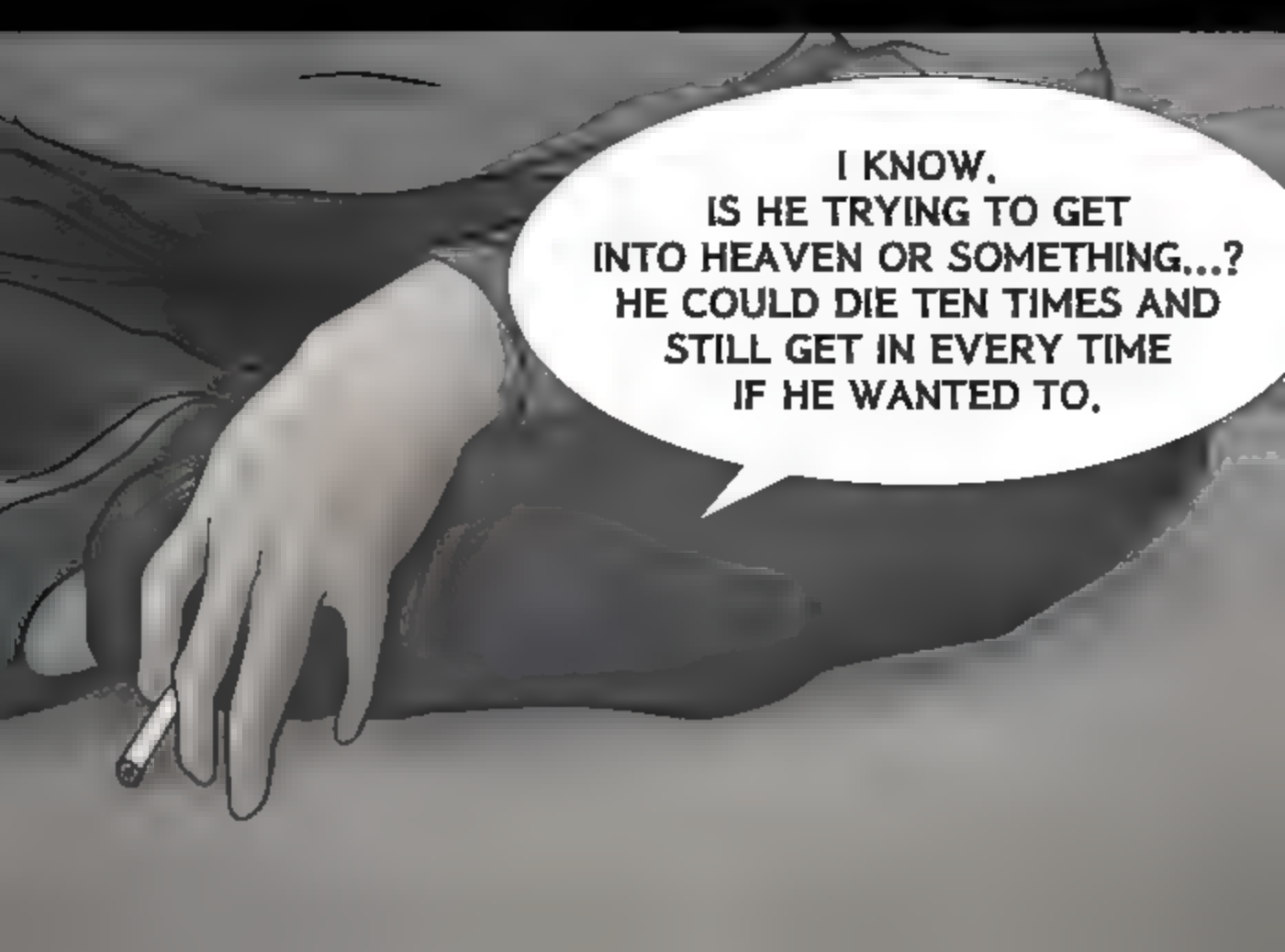
THE NEXT DAY,

I WENT LOOKING FOR MR. KIM WITHOUT HESITATING.

AND FINALLY, FROM SEEING HOW MR.
KIM'S LIFE TURNED OUT



BUT THERE WAS ONLY ONE ANSWER
I COULD GIVE HIM AT THE TIME.

I FELT LIKE I WAS BEING PUNISHED.

I WAS LIKE A NAUGHTY LITTLE BOY WHO HAD BEEN CAUGHT CHEWING GUM IN CLASS.

IT WAS UNFAIR. I MEAN,

OF COURSE IT WASN'T THE BRIGHTEST IDEA..

AND JUST LIKE THAT, IN AN INSTANT,
I HAD THE ANSWER I WAS LOOKING FOR.

HE WAS OBSESSED WITH KARMA
AS A WAY OF ERASING A PAST MISTAKE.

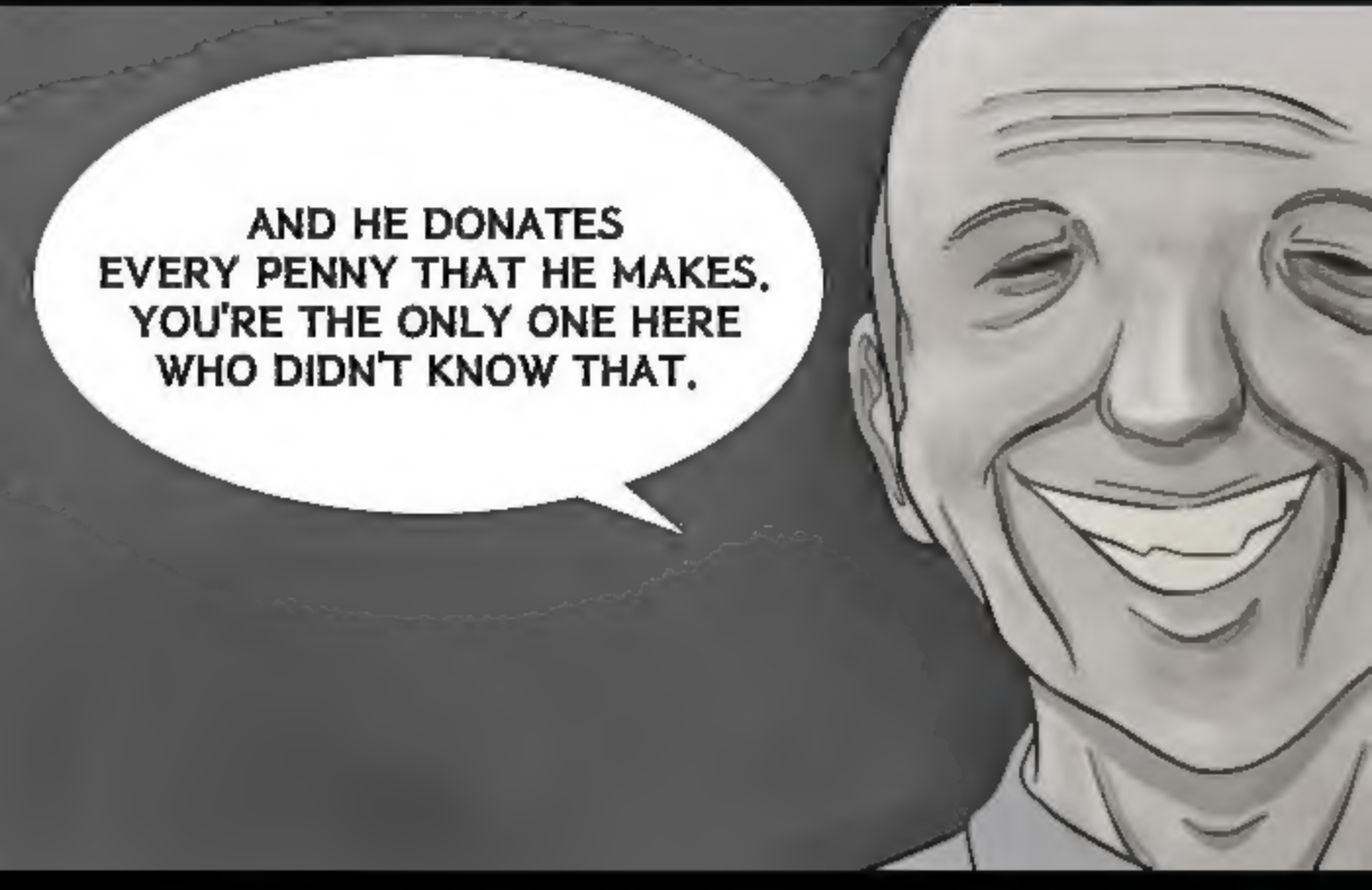
THIS WAS HIS OWN SELF-INFLICTED PENANCE
AS A WAY OF ATONING FOR HIS SINS.

YEAH, IT'S TRUE. THAT'S WHY I FOLLOWED YOU AROUND.
I THOUGHT MAYBE YOU HAD EXPERIENCED THE SAME KIND OF SUFFERING AS I HAD...

IT WAS BECAUSE OF A VAGUE ANXIETY
THAT ANYONE, INCLUDING MYSELF,

COULD END UP STUCK IN A PLACE
LIKE THIS FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIFE.

AND THE MOST REMARKABLE THING OF ALL WAS THE FOREMAN'S TESTIMONY.



MR. KIM CALLED ME OVER WITH A STERN EXPRESSION ON HIS FACE.